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SUBJECT: START FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS, GENEVA
(SFO-GVA-VII): (U) DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP MEETING,
DECEMBER 14, 2009

Classified By: A/S Rose E. Gottemoeller, United States
START Negotiator. Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (U) This is SFO-GVA-VII-143.

¶2. (U) Meeting Date: December 14, 2009
Time: 3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Place: U.S. Mission, Geneva

SUMMARY

¶3. (S) The Definitions working group met on December 14 and agreed to send five terms to the Conforming Group: "declared data", "deployed mobile launcher of ICBMs", "heavy bomber equipped for non-nuclear armaments", "space launch facility", "stage". The working group agreed to continue discussion of 12 terms: "inspection activities site", "ICBM base", "deployment area", "re stricted area", "basing area", "deployed launcher of SLBMs", "deployed mobile launcher of ICBMS", "Existing type", airbase", "warhead", "version" and "nuclear armaments".

¶4. (S) SUBJECT SUMMARY: Sent to Conforming; and Additional Discussion

SENT TO CONFORMING

¶5. (S) The following terms were sent to conforming:

-- The term "declared data," with respect to the data the accuracy of which is confirmed during inspection activities, means:

- (a) data with respect to items subject to the Treaty, listed according to categories of data in Part Two of this Protocol;
- (b) data, provided through notifications pursuant to Part Four of this Protocol, that update the categories of data in Part Two of this Protocol;
- (c) information on the technical characteristics of new types of strategic offensive arms provided through notifications, confirmed during exhibitions, and subsequently listed in Part Two of this Protocol; and
- (d) information that the inspected Party provides to the inspection teams during pre-inspection procedures.

-- The term "deployed mobile launcher of ICBMs" means any mobile launcher of ICBMs, other than a mobile test launcher or a mobile launcher of ICBMs at a space launch facility, that contains, or is considered to contain, an ICBM.

-- The term "heavy bomber equipped for non-nuclear armaments" means a heavy bomber that is not equipped for long-range nuclear ALCMs, nuclear air-to-service missiles with a range of less than 600 kilometers, or nuclear bombs.

-- The term "space launch facility" means a specified facility from which objects are delivered into the upper atmosphere or space using ICBMs or SLBMs.

-- The term "stage" means, for ICBMs or SLBMs, a section of a missile that is equipped with a propulsion unit, with the exception of the self-contained dispensing mechanism.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

¶6. (S) The Russian side proposed a new formulation for the term "inspection site" and new term "inspection activity site". Mr. Connell asked the Russian side to explain their rationale for requesting to revise a previously conformed term. Ms. Melikbekian explained that the definition was not precise enough. The U.S. delegation reviewed the Inspection Protocol and found numerous issues that would have to be resolved if these new definitions were implemented. To avoid future confusion, Connell suggested that the issue be referred to those working on the inspection protocol and Melikbekian agreed.

¶7. (S) The group re-visited "ICBM base," and "basing area," and determined that they could be defined to replace "restricted area", and "deployment area." The dialogue hinged on the U.S. position of including "limited in size" in the definition of "basing area" in order to emphasize the need for geographic area information to be provided as part of the database Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The lengthy discussion resulted in Col Kamenskiy drawing diagrams of the concepts and the Russian side insisting that geographic coordinates be provided. The basis for the Russian position was that "area" by definition is limited; however, it appeared that the Russian intention was to provide a point coordinate as a "point of reference", rather than area coordinates in the database information. Kamenskiy also indicated that the site diagram provided as part of inspections would provide the boundary information requested by the United States.

¶8. (S) The working proposal for the term "deployed launcher of SLBMs" was a SLBM launcher installed in a submarine that contains a SLBM that is not intended for testing or training. Kusnetsov suggested deleting "that is intended for testing

or training." The U.S. side said it would consider this suggestion.

¶9. (S) The Russian side raised the following outstanding terms for consideration: "existing type", "airbase", "warhead", "version" and "nuclear armaments". In each case, outstanding issues precluded resolution of the definitions.

¶10. (U) Documents Provided: None

¶11. (U) Participants.

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¶12. (U) Gottemoeller sends.
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